



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1459
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

BIBDATASHEET

CONFIRMATION NO. 1635

Bib Data Sheet

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|---|
| SERIAL NUMBER 10/673,930 | FILING DATE 09/29/2003 RULE | CLASS 227 | GROUP ART UNIT 3721 | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. END5130.0517372 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|---|

APPLICANTS

Jeffrey S. Swayze, Hamilton, OH;

Frederick E. Shelton IV, Hillsboro, OH;

** CONTINUING DATA *****

NONE ✓

GFW

** FOREIGN APPLICATIONS *****

NONE ✓

GFW

IF REQUIRED, FOREIGN FILING LICENSE GRANTED

** 01/08/2004

| | | | | | |
|--|---|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Foreign Priority claimed 35 USC 119 (a-d) conditions met | <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | STATE OR COUNTRY | SHEETS DRAWING | TOTAL CLAIMS | INDEPENDENT CLAIMS |
| Verified and Acknowledged | <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> Met after Allowance | OH | 20 | 24 | 3 |
| Examiner's Signature <i>GFW</i> | | Initials | | | |

ADDRESS

26874

FROST BROWN TODD, LLC

2200 PNC CENTER

201 E. FIFTH STREET

CINCINNATI, OH

45202

TITLE

Surgical stapling instrument incorporating a firing mechanism having a linked rack transmission

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| FILING FEE RECEIVED 952 | FEES: Authority has been given in Paper No. _____ to charge/credit DEPOSIT ACCOUNT No. _____ for following: | <input type="checkbox"/> All Fees <input type="checkbox"/> 1.16 Fees (Filing) <input type="checkbox"/> 1.17 Fees (Processing Ext. of time) <input type="checkbox"/> 1.18 Fees (Issue) <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Credit |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|